



House of Commons

Wednesday 19 April 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Wales
(2) the Prime Minister**
- 2 Urgent Question: Chinese police stations in the UK (Chris Philp)**
- 3 Statement: Infected blood inquiry progress update (Jeremy Quin)**
- 4 Burglary (Police Response) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Ed Davey presented a Bill to set minimum standards for the police in relation to the investigation of domestic burglaries, including a requirement that a police officer should attend any domestic premises where

a burglary has been reported; to place a duty on the Secretary of State to ensure that police forces comply with the minimum standards; to require the Secretary of State to report to Parliament on compliance with the minimum standards; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 299).

5 Dartmoor National Park (Access): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Motion made and Question proposed,
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State to publish proposals for a scheme to incentivise owners of land within Dartmoor National Park to allow enhanced access to that land in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes.—(*Anthony Mangnall.*)

Motion opposed (Standing Order No. 23(1)).

Question put and agreed to.

Ordered, That Anthony Mangnall, Kevin Foster, Simon Jupp, Sir Gary Streeter,

Sir Geoffrey Cox, Anne Marie Morris, Luke Pollard and Selaine Saxby present the Bill.

Anthony Mangnall accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 293).

6 Finance (No. 2) Bill: Committee of the whole House (second day)

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 29 March).

(In the Committee)

Clause 18 (Lifetime allowance charge abolished)

Amendment 21 proposed.—(*Kirsty Blackman.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 212

Ayes: 45 (Tellers: Marion Fellows, Peter Grant)

Noes: 292 (Tellers: Ruth Edwards, Jacob Young)

Question accordingly negatived.

Question put, That Clause 18 stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 213

Ayes: 293 (Tellers: Jacob Young, Ruth Edwards)

Noes: 218 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Gerald Jones)

Question accordingly agreed to.

Clauses 19 to 25 agreed to.

New Clause NC5—(*James Murray*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 214

Ayes: 218 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Gerald Jones)

Noes: 294 (Tellers: Jacob Young, Ruth Edwards)

Question accordingly negatived.

Clause 278 agreed to.

Clauses 279 to 312 agreed to.

Clause 27 agreed to.

Clauses 47 and 48 agreed to.

Schedule 7 (Rates of alcohol duty)

Amendment 7 proposed.—(*Mr Alistair Carmichael.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 215

Ayes: 54 (Tellers: Richard Foord, Daisy Cooper)

Noes: 290 (Tellers: Jacob Young, Ruth Edwards)

Question accordingly negatived.

Schedule 7, Clause 50, Schedule 8, Clauses 51 to 54, Schedule 9 and Clauses 55 to 60 agreed to.

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report the Bill (Programme Order, 29 March).

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Joy Morrissey reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses 5 to 15, Schedule 1, Clauses 18 to 25, Clause 27, Clauses 47 and 48, Clauses 50 to 60, Schedules 7 to 9, Clauses 121 to 264, Schedules 14 to 17, Clauses 265 to 277, Schedule 18, Clauses 278 to 312, and certain new Clauses and new Schedules) and made Amendments.

Bill (Clauses 5 to 15, Schedule 1, Clauses 18 to 25, Clause 27, Clauses 47 and 48, Clauses 50 to 60, Schedules 7 to 9, Clauses 121 to 264, Schedules 14 to 17, Clauses 265 to 277, Schedule 18, Clauses 278 to 312), as amended, to lie upon the Table.

7 The Speaker's Absence

Ordered, That the Speaker have leave of absence on Monday 24 April to attend the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments (EUSC) in Prague to

participate in the session dealing with Russian aggression against Ukraine.—(*Joy Morrissey.*)

8 Public petitions

A public petition from Katelyn Banks relating to teaching real life skills was presented and read by Rachael Maskell.

9 Adjournment

Subject: Contribution of Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service to the local community (Rob Butler)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Joy Morrissey.*)

Adjourned at 6.11 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Appointments

The Speaker appoints the Chair of General Committees and members of Programming Sub-Committees, and allocates Statutory

Instruments to Delegated Legislation Committees.

The Committee of Selection nominates Members to serve on General Committees (and certain Members to serve on Grand Committees).

10 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Register of Overseas Entities (Definition of Foreign Limited Partner, Protection and Rectification) Regulations 2023)

Members: Mhairi Black, Jack Brereton, Brendan Clarke-Smith, Stella Creasy, Wayne David, Richard Drax, Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Jo Gideon, Kevin Hollinrake, John McDonnell, Seema Malhotra, Taiwo Owatemi, John Penrose, Gary Sambrook, Alexander Stafford, Beth Winter and Mike Wood

11 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Code of Practice on the Recording and Retention of Personal Data in relation to Non-Crime Hate Incidents)

Members: Bim Afolami, Shaun Bailey, Elliot Colburn, Jon Cruddas, Jackie Doyle-Price, Michael Ellis, Barry Gardiner, Gerald Jones, Sarah Jones, Scott Mann, Amanda Milling,

James Morris, Kate Osamor, Chris Philp, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Nick Smith and Sir Jeremy Wright

Select Committees: Reports

12 Education Committee

The future of post-16 qualifications: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 55) (Mr Robin Walker).

13 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Environmental change and food security:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 880);

(2) *Mapping the path to net zero:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 104)

(Philip Dunne).

14 European Scrutiny Committee

(1) Seventeenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 119-xv);

(2) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 119)

(Sir William Cash).

15 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *Human trafficking*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1142);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Crime, Policing and Fire relating to the Serious Violence Reduction Order (SVRO) pilot*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Immigration relating to the Hong Kong British National (Overseas) (BN(O)) route*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Safeguarding relating to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Minister for Security relating to the Economic Crime Plan*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence relating to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) and the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS):

Written evidence to be published;

(8) Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to the Retained EU Law Bill: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to unaccompanied children: Written evidence, to be published;

(10) Drugs: Written evidence, to be published (HC 198);

(11) Work of the Home Secretary: Written evidence to be published (HC 201)

(Dame Diana Johnson).

16 International Trade Committee

(1) UK trade negotiations: Agreement with India: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 77);

(2) CPTPP: opportunities and challenges for the UK:

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- (i) Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 13);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 13);
 - (3) *Free Trade Agreement Negotiations with the Gulf Cooperation Council: Seventh Report, with Appendix*, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 79);
 - (4) *The work of the Department for International Trade*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 16);
 - (5) *Correspondence from the Chair of the Trade Remedies Authority*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (6) *Correspondence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (7) *Correspondence from the Department for International Trade*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (8) *Export opportunities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1076);

(9) *UK trade sanctions on Russia*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1075)

(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

17Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1165) (Simon Hoare).

18Science and Technology Committee

(1) *Nurse, Grant and Tickell reviews and Horizon Europe*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1296);

(2) *Emerging diseases and learnings from Covid-19*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1303);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Nuclear and Networks relating to Euratom*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to Horizon Europe and Pioneer*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the publication of the AI*

regulation white paper: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Transport and Minister of State for Science, Research and Innovation relating to the Committee's evidence session on Wednesday 1 March*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to Powering up Britain*: Written evidence, to be published

(8) *The governance of artificial intelligence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 945);

(9) *The antimicrobial potential of bacteriophages*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 231);

(Greg Clark).

19 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Thirty-third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 4-xxxiii) (Jessica Morden).

20Transport Committee

The work of the Secretary of State for Transport: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 163) (Iain Stewart).

21Treasury Committee

The work of the Valuation Office Agency: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1291) (Harriett Baldwin).

22Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *Broadcasting in Wales: Oral and Written evidence, to be published (HC 620);*

(2) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive of the Transport for Wales relating to the South Wales Metro: Written evidence, to be published*

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Levelling Up relating to university research funding: Written evidence, to be published;*

(4) *Correspondence relating to water quality in Wales: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1113);*

(Stephen Crabb).

23 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Misogyny in music*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 317);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chairwoman of the EHRC relating to recent advice to Government regarding amendments to the definition of sex in the Equality Act 2010*; Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Women and Equalities relating to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published

(4) *Equality and the UK asylum process*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 93);

(5) *National Disability Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 241);

(Caroline Nokes).

24 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service*:

(i) Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 272);

- (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 272);
- (2) *Plan for Jobs and employment support*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 600);
- (3) *Benefit levels in the UK*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1126);
- (4) *Correspondence with the Health and Safety Executive relating to asbestos management*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Carer's Allowance*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to PIP and reassessments*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) *Correspondence with Minister for Employment relating to UC deductions and Healthy Start*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (8) *Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 826);

(9) *Universal Credit and childcare costs*:
Written evidence, to be published (HC 127);

(10) *The work of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 549)

(Sir Stephen Timms).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

1 Human rights in Myanmar

Resolved, That this House has considered human rights in Myanmar.—(*Naz Shah*.)

2 Food security and farming

Resolved, That this House has considered food security and farming.—(*Wendy Morton.*)

The sitting was suspended between 11.24 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1) (b)).

3 Future of social housing

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the future of social housing.—(*Mike Amesbury.*)

The sitting was suspended between 3.42 pm and 4.20 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the future of social housing.

4 Support for litter action groups

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of support for litter action groups.—(*Mr Virendra Sharma.*)

5 Asbestos in workplaces

Motion made and Question proposed,
That this House has considered asbestos in
workplaces.—(*Jane Hunt.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 5.37
pm and 5.47 pm for a division in the House
(Standing Order No. 10(3)).*

At 6.20 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing
Order No. 10(14)).

Sitting adjourned without Question put
(Standing Order No. 10(14)).

Adjourned at 6.20 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Exiting the European Union (Immigration)

Immigration (Citizens' Rights Appeals) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 441), dated 13 April 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

2 Medicines

Human Medicines (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 437), dated 18 April 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

3 Police

Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment and Saving Provision) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 435), dated 17 April 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

Other papers

4 Inquiries

Second Interim Report of the Infected Blood Inquiry (by Act) (Jeremy Quin)

5 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs: Regulating to achieve environmental outcomes (by Act), to be printed (HC 1283) (Clerk of the House)

6 Treaty Series No. 16 (2023)

Agreement, done at Bishkek on 13 June 2017, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital Gains (by Command) (CP 832) (Secretary James Cleverly)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

VOTING BY PROXY

1. New proxy voting arrangement

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Michelle Donelan is eligible to have a proxy vote cast on her behalf, starting from 20 April 2023 and finishing on 29 October 2023. The nominated proxy is Mr Marcus Jones.

2. Variation of proxy voting arrangement

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Suzanne Webb has given notice that she wishes to vary her proxy vote arrangement. Her period of proxy voting will now end on 30 April 2023.